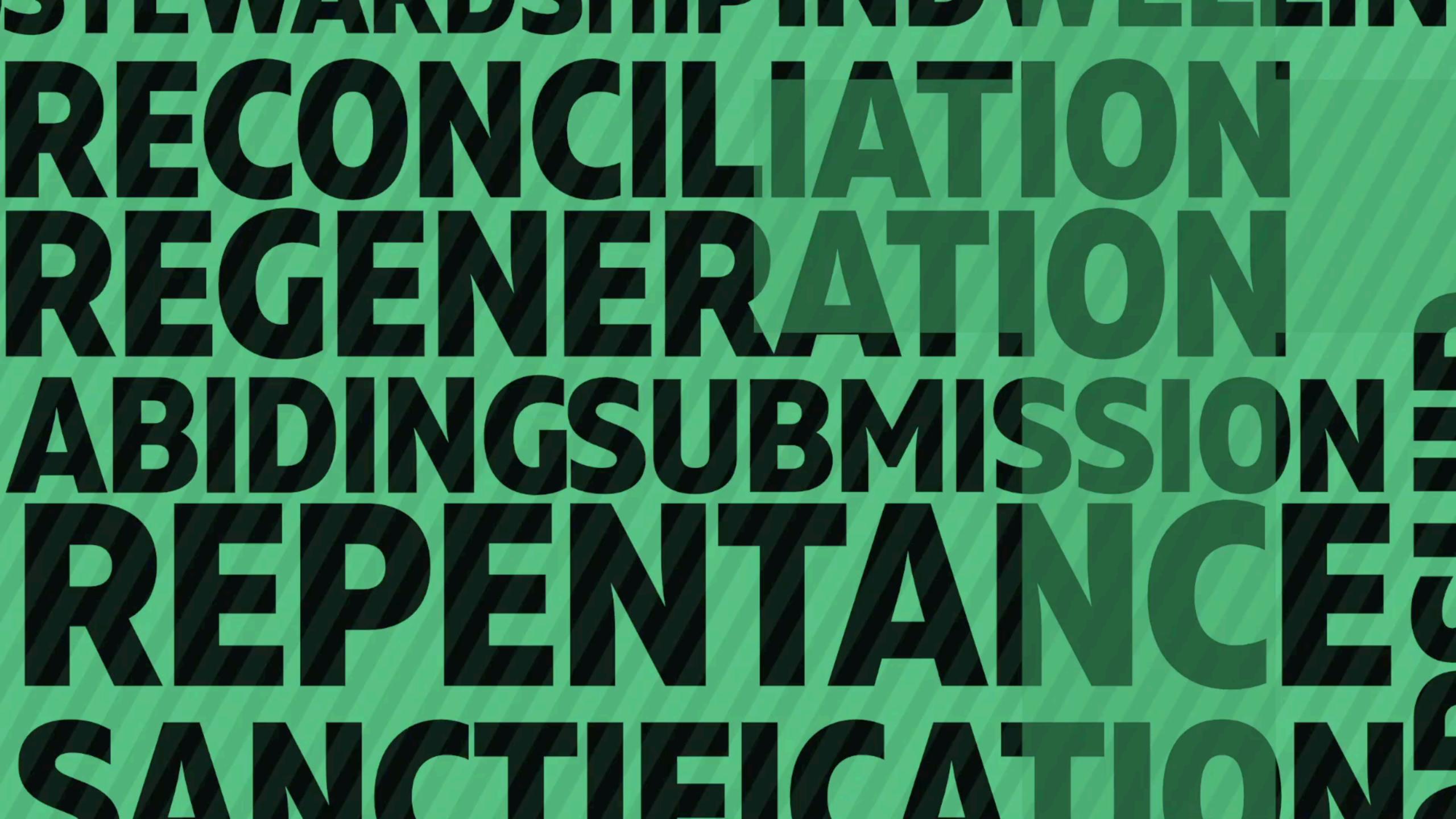


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TACKLING THE BIG WORDS OF CHRISTIANITY





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For in the gospel the righteousness of God is revealed—a righteousness that is by faith from first to last, just as it is written: "The righteous will live by faith."

Romans 1:17 NIV



...as it is written, "He who through faith is righteous shall live." Here I felt that I was altogether born again and had entered paradise itself through open gates. There a totally other face of the entire Scripture showed itself to me. Luther's Works, Volume 34, P336-337









δικαιοσύνη/δικαιόω righteous, right relationship / to make righteous





JUSTIFICATION: to be made RIGHTEOUS before God.

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God is a righteous judge, a God who displays his wrath every day. Psalm 7:11 NIV



The LORD looks down from heaven on all mankind to see if there are any who understand, any who seek God. All have turned away, all have become corrupt; there is no one who does good, not even one.

Psalm 14:2-3 NIV

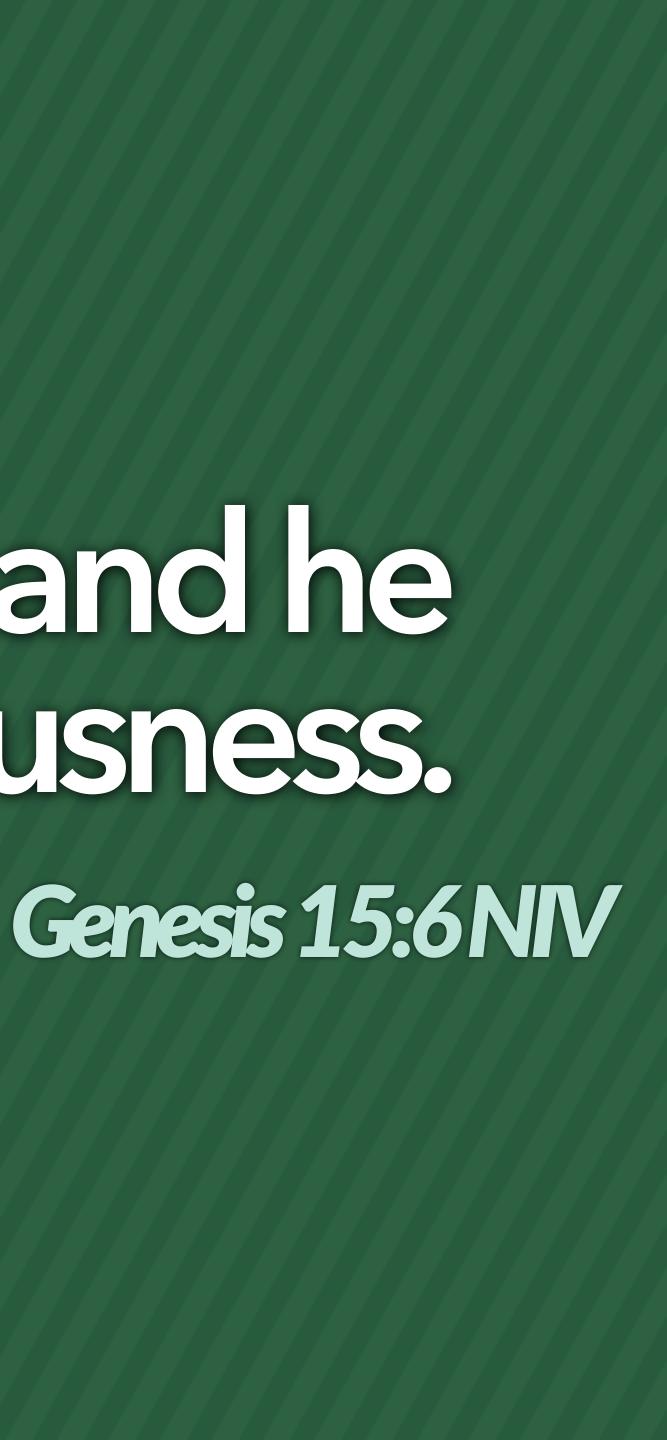


...how can mere mortals prove their innocence before God?

Job 9:2 NIV



Abram believed the LORD, and he credited it to him as righteousness.



"But the tax collector stood at a distance. He would not even look up to heaven, but beat his breast and said, 'God, have mercy on me, a sinner.'

"I tell you that this man, rather than the other, went home justified before God. For all those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted."

Luke 18:13-14 NIV



God has the authority to JUSTIFY people.





But now God has shown us a way to be made right with him without keeping the requirements of the law, as was promised in the writings of Moses and the prophets long ago. We are <u>made</u> <u>right with God</u> by placing our faith in Jesus Christ. And this is true for everyone who believes, no matter who we are...



For everyone has sinned; we all fall God freely and graciously <u>declares</u> that we are righteous. He did this from the penalty for our sins...

short of God's glorious standard. Yet through Christ Jesus when he freed us



For God presented Jesus as the sacrifice for sin. People are <u>made right</u> with God when they believe that Jesus sacrificed his life, shedding his blood...



This sacrifice shows that God was being fair when he held back and did not punish those who sinned in times past, for he was looking ahead and including them in what he would do in this present time. God did this to demonstrate his righteousness, for he himself is fair and just, and he declares sinners to be right in his sight when they believe in Jesus...



Can we boast, then, that we have done anything to be accepted by God? No, because our acquittal is not based on obeying the law. It is based on faith. So we are <u>made right with God</u> through faith and not by obeying the law. **Romans 3:21-28 NLT**



God justifies us in CHRIST by FAITH.





Brothers and sisters, my heart's desire and prayer to God for the Israelites is that they may be saved. For I can testify about them that they are zealous for God, but their zeal is not based on knowledge...



Since they did not know the righteousness of God and sought to establish their own, they did not submit to God's righteousness. Christ is the culmination of the law so that there may be righteousness for everyone who believes.

Romans 10:1-4 NIV



God justifies us in Christ ALONE by faith ALONE.

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You see that a person is considered righteous by what they do and not by faith alone.





άγιος / άγιάζω holy, set apart, saint / to make holy, sanctify





SANCTIFICATION: to be made HOLY (PURE) before God.

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Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth. As you sent me into the world, I have sent them into the world. For them I sanctify myself, that they too may be truly sanctified. John 17:17-19 NIV



Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind...

Romans 12:2a NIV



For them I sanctify myself, that they too may be truly sanctified.

John 17:19 NIV



SANCTIFICATION: to actively REMAINHOLY

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But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the the Spirit of our God.

Or do you not know that wrongdoers will not inherit the kingdom of God... And that is what some of you were. name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by

1 Conthians 6:9a, 11 NIV



By this will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all... For by one offering He has perfected for all time those who are sanctified.

Hebrews 10:10, 14 NASB



May God himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through. May your whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

1 Thessalonians 5:23 NIV



fyou have put your faith in Jesus, you HAVE BEEN justified, you HAVE BEEN sanctified, and you are STILL BEING sanctified!

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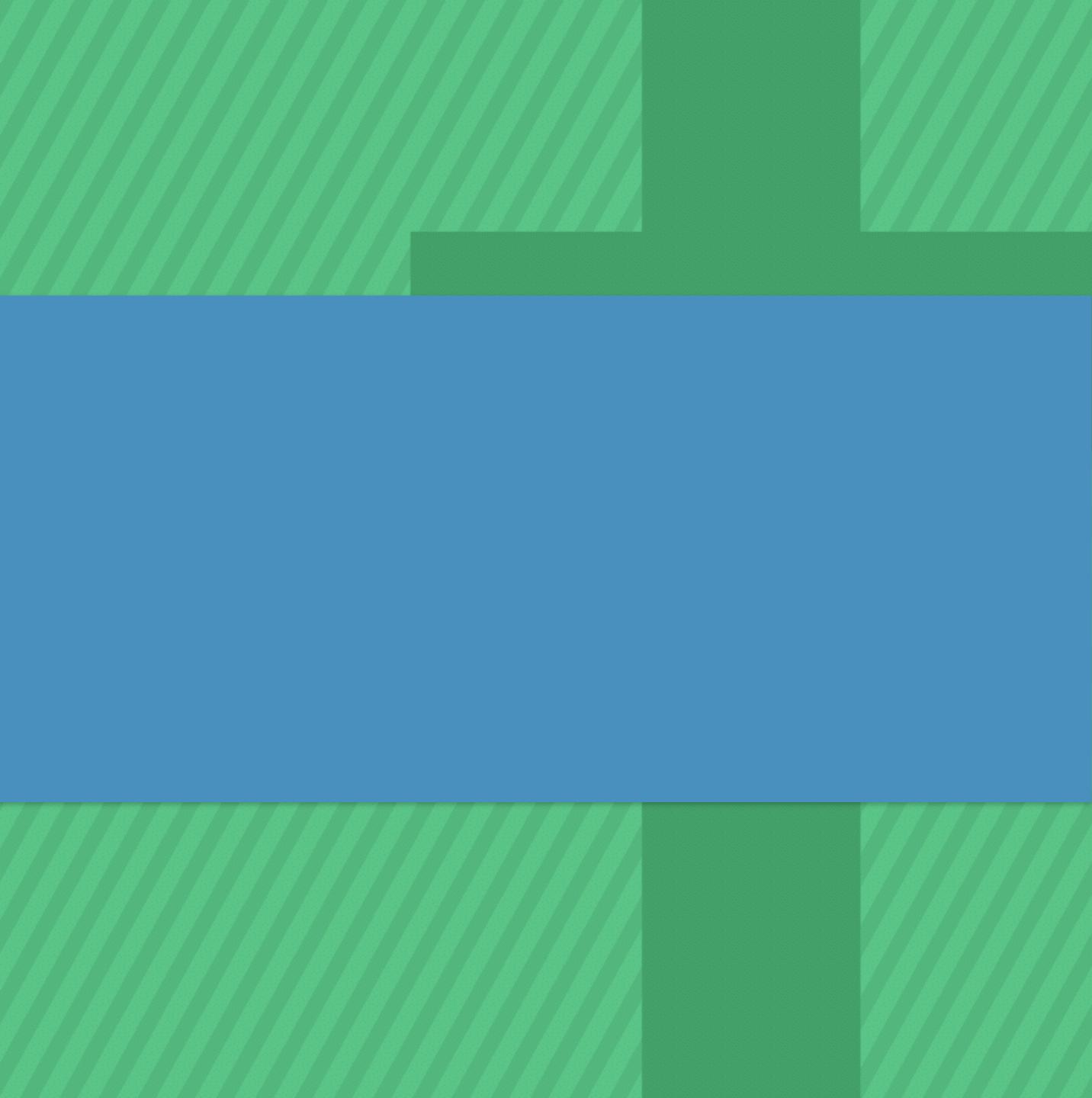




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